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Commissioner of Social Security
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RE: Agency: Social Security Administration; Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Mental Disorders

Action: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

Pages 12639 - 12641 of the Federal Register; Volume 68, No. 51; March 17, 2003

Dear Sir:

This response is to offer comments concerning the proposed rules that SSA uses to evaluate mental disorders of adults and children who apply for, or receive, disability benefits under title II and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Comments on revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Mental Disorders: Revise Listing 112.09, Psychoactive Substance Dependence Disorders, to be a reference listing, comparable to the corresponding adult listing. The way the current listing is written, it seems that the Drug Addiction and Alcoholism sanctions would invariably apply.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Secretary

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cc: Gwendolyn P. Hamilton
Secretary

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